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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 April 2004.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-54 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1,19 and 37 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 2-18,20-36 and 38-54 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Claims 1-54 are pending in this application and have been examined.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. The indicated allowability of claim 37-54 is withdrawn in view of the reconsideration of the language of claims 1, 19, and 37. Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1, 19, and 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Bruce Schneier, Applied Cryptography 2nd Edition, Oct. 1995, John Wiley & Sons Pub. Pages 43-57.

The claims each recite a method, a computer program-product causing a system to carry out a method, and a system configured to carry out the method, where a communication from a server is received at a key distribution center, where the

communication is authenticated, and where the communication contains a secret key which is then stored at the key distribution center.

The claims each contain further language directed towards the intended use of the key in facilitating communication between a client and the server. This "intended use" language is not limiting as it is not concerned with any characteristics of the key, merely its use. The claim language setting out the intended use of this key is not given patentable weight.

Schneier teaches a method by which a key may be sent from one communicant to another by means of an authenticated communication in Chapter 3: "Basic Protocols" pages 47-57, where a session key is distributed from one communicant to another via a public key protocol. The message is authenticated by virtue of decryption by a receiver, using a public key of a sender, of a message and key encrypted under a private key held only by the sender and uniquely corresponding to the sender's public key. Schneier teaches the use of such distribution of session keys by public key techniques involving key distribution centers and servers in pages 43-44: "Attacks Against Public Key Cryptography."

5. Claims 2-18, 20-36, and 38-54 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

6. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The closest prior art in the field concerned with public-key modifications or extensions to the basic Kerberos protocol do not teach the features of the claimed invention of a (application) server initiating an authentication message exchange with a Key Distribution Server (KDC) with subsequent communication of a client with the KDC requesting a ticket to communicate with the (application) server. All in the manner of the applicant as found in the independent claims and disclosed in the Applicant's specification.

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul E. Callahan whose telephone number is (703) 305-1336. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 9 to 5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Greg Morse, can be reached on (703) 308-4789. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is: (703) 872-9306. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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